

## AN OIL TOWN IN ASHES.

### The Panic-Stricken People Flee to the Hills For Safety.

### Twenty Acres Burned Over, and 1,200 People Homeless.

Clarendon, Penn., in the upper oil country, on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, has been almost wiped out by fire. The flames broke out simultaneously in the Weaver Hotel and in Brown Brothers' planing mill. The meagre water supply gave out, and the people became horrified as they realized their helplessness. Appeals for help were immediately sent to Warren and the surrounding country. When the Warren fire department responded it was discovered that the hose was not brought along. While the oversight was being remedied the flames had encroached upon the pumping station and the water works were burned. A stream which ran near the station was so hot, that it gave out a meagre supply. The air was so full of flames and heat that a number of oil tanks in the upper part of the town exploded.

The fire then filled the streets and wound its serpentine course in all directions. Men whose cheeks were blanched with terror ran hither and thither for their families and children. High above the roaring of the flames were to be heard the cries of those who were looking for loved ones. Fortunately they had all instinctively sought the hillsides, and but one person was burned. That was a man employed at Brown & Co.'s store. He was burned to death in the barn.

The telephone and telephone offices were burned in the early stages of the conflagration. The left the people without any means of communicating with the outside world. Several trains of oil cars coming east were stopped beyond the town.

Twelve hundred people on the hillsides and in the vacant lots were in most pitiful condition in the morning. They had neither money nor food and many of them but little clothing. The people of Warren loaded a train on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad with provisions and clothing for the victims of the early hour. All day the outgoing trains from Clarendon were densely crowded with the sufferers, who were going to seek the hospitality of relatives and friends many of them having lost all they had in the world.

The buildings destroyed were about 100 in number, and covered an area of twenty acres. The total pecuniary losses are placed at from \$500,000 to \$800,000.

## THE NATIONAL GAME.

RYAN, of the Chicagoes, has played every position except behind the bat and on first base.

PITCHER FERGUSON of the Philadelphiaes, has struck out more men than any League pitcher.

JOHNSTON, Boston's centre fielder, has not made an error since May 26, and he has played in twenty-two consecutive games.

MURRAY, of the Lynns, is richer by a suit of clothes for having been the first local player to make a home run on the Lynn grounds.

FIVE double plays in a game is a rather remarkable exhibition. In the contest between Des Moines and St. Paul the former is credited with three and the latter two.

WARD, of the New Yorks, has had the greatest record of consecutive hitting in any league since 1884. He has been hitting May 17 and June 13, he made at least one clean hit.

THE Pittsburghs have played three errorless games this far this season, which shows a fine fielding record, even if the club is not winning many games. Weak batting defeats them.

MICHAEL KELLY, the Boston Club's \$10,000 catcher, was escorted to the ball grounds in Chicago, upon his first appearance in that city this season, by a brass band and was overhauled with great success.

BURKE, whom Detroit has signed, is a perfect Hercules, weighs about 300 pounds, and sends a ball through with terrific speed. He pitched for the Pioneer, of San Francisco, and in a recent game struck out fourteen men.

In the Association batting list O'Neil and Latham lead for the St. Louis Browns, Larkin, for the Athletics; Phillips, for Brooklyn; Fennelly, for the Cincinnati; Browning, for Louisville; for the New Yorks; for the Baltimore; and Hotelling, for the Clevelandes.

In a recent game at Indianapolis the performances of Johnston, Boston's centre fielder, and Bassett, second baseman for the Clevelandes, were so good that the record has seldom, if ever, been exceeded: Five times at bat, four runs, two singles, a three-bagger, a home run, two stolen bases, and a hit out of the park. Johnston and Bassett made a hit every time he was at the bat, three singles and a double, stole two bases, scored twice, put out three men and assisted four times without an error.

## THE NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORD.

Winn. Lost. Won. Lost.  
Detroit.....36 15 Boston.....32 23  
Pittsburgh.....19 28 New York.....32 23  
Philadelphia.....24 28 Indianapolis.....17 39  
Chicago.....38 20 Washington.....17 29

## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Winn. Lost. Won. Lost.  
St. Louis.....30 15 Baltimore.....30 15  
Brooklyn.....28 26 Cincinnati.....33 25  
Louisville.....30 29 Athletic.....28 30  
Metropolitan.....15 38 Cleveland.....14 42

## THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Winn. Lost. Won. Lost.  
Newark.....32 21 Syracuse.....22 29  
Rochester.....21 21 Hamilton.....16 22  
Toronto.....22 18 Birmingham.....23 19  
Buffalo.....30 18 Jersey City.....18 20  
Scranton.....7 19 Utica.....7 34

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Winn. Lost. Won. Lost.  
New Orleans.....30 17 Charleston.....28 19  
Nashville.....24 12 Birmingham.....1 19  
Memphis.....27 14

## EASTERN LEAGUE.

Winn. Lost. Won. Lost.  
New Haven.....31 21 Hartford.....27 19  
Bridgeport.....32 16 Waterbury.....23 23  
Danbury.....16 29

## THE COLLEGE LEAGUE.

The Yale Club has won the college championship. Below are the teams standing of the clubs at the end of the season.

Winn. Lost. Won. Lost.  
Yale.....9 1 Princeton.....2 5  
Harvard.....4 7 Columbia.....0 5

## MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

TAMERLIN, the noted tenor, has lost his voice and is making good his Madrid.

ANNA DICKINSON, ill from overwork and worry. She will not play Hamlet again next winter.

EDWIN BOOTH talks of retiring after next season. He is rich again, and can afford to live at leisure.

A recent performance of Mapleson opera in London only one woman in the parquette wore a bonnet.

FRANCIS WILSON, of the New York Casino, is the highest priced comedian in the world. He receives \$475 a week.

THEODORE HABELMANN, the once tenor, will be stage manager for the German Opera in New York next season.

ADA MONK, formerly a well-known actress in the companies of Booth and Barrett, is helping in the New York Hospital.

It takes 12,570 bandmen to make the music for the 449,139 German officers and soldiers who keep step to the martial strains of the fatherland.

LADY ARTHUR CAMPBELL proposes to give her outdoor performance of "As You Like It" on the American Exhibition grounds in London, for a charitable object, at \$5 a ticket.

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD, the fiery Texas scout, temperance lecturer and poet, has decided to go on the stage. He will break out in the fall with a piece called "On the Trail," or "Daniel Boone, the Avenger."

A good orchestra could be gathered from the layers discarded by the prominent orchestral conductors in New York and Boston. Neither Thomas nor Gerike wants men over forty years of age, and older ones have to be employed.

CHARLOTTE WOLTER, the great Viennese tragedienne, will begin her professional tour of the United States on January 2, 1888. Her twenty-fifth anniversary on the stage was recently celebrated with great éclat. She is Countess O'Sullivan by marriage.

## FEDERAL FINANCES.

### The Treasury's Condition at the Dawn of a New Fiscal Year.

The public debt statement for June shows that the debt decreased during the month \$1,882,725. For the entire fiscal year, which ended June 30, the decrease is \$108,707,646. The debt is now \$1,088,229,591 principal and \$12,942,357 interest, making the total indebtedness \$1,101,171,948. Deduct cash in the Treasury and available cash items and the net debt stands \$1,279,428,737.

The following statement shows the assets and liabilities of the Treasury from the latest returns received from the several assistant United States and national bank depositors:

Assets.	
Gold coin.....	\$122,368,915
Bullion.....	85,732,192
Silver—Standard dollars.....	\$28,783,706
Trade dollars redeemed.....	6,934,962
National bank notes.....	197,946
Deposits in national bank depositors.....	22,901,302
Fractional currency redeemed.....	2,366
Interest, checks and coupons paid.....	5,361,031
National bank notes in process of redemption.....	2,165,539
Interest on District of Columbia bonds paid.....	2,195
Assets not available—minor coin in mint for recoinage.....	116,698
Fractional silver coin.....	26,977,483
Total.....	\$587,699,981

Liabilities.	
Gold certificates.....	\$121,436,817
Less amount on hand.....	30,361,380
Silver certificates.....	\$145,543,159
Less amount on hand.....	3,425,123
Certificates of deposit.....	\$9,080,000
Less amount on hand.....	310,000
Total.....	\$287,000,000

Public Debt and Interest.	
Interest due and unpaid.....	\$1,753,666
Accrued interest.....	\$2,026,111
Matured debt.....	6,115,103
Interest on matured debt.....	190,753
Balance of interest.....	19,710,500
Debt bearing no interest.....	2,366
Interest on Pacific Railroad bonds due and unpaid.....	33,199
Interest on other bonds.....	1,938,705
Reserve for redemption of United States notes, acts of 1875 and 1882.....	100,000,000
Fund held for redemption of notes of national banks, "failed," "in liquidation" and "reducing circulation".....	97,909,054
Five per cent fund for redemption of national bank notes.....	85,864
Post Office Department account.....	\$113,323
Disbursing officers' balances.....	\$1,571,776
Undistributed assets of failed national banks.....	21,903,529
Currency and minor coin redemption account.....	730
Fractional silver coin redemption account.....	1,405
Treasurer's transfer checks and drafts outstanding.....	2,906,942
Treasury notes.....	305,426
Total.....	\$519,132,419

Balances.	
Net gold.....	\$186,875,693
Net silver.....	\$23,438,424
Net United States notes.....	20,013,716
Trade dollars redeemed.....	6,934,962
National bank notes.....	197,946
Deposits in national bank depositors.....	22,901,302
Total.....	\$310,361,202

Receipts.	
Ordinary.....	\$6,012,158
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